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CASE PP/1-22793/A/PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

ROLF DREWES ET AL

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/50815

FILED: November 12, 2003

FOR: FLAME RETARDANT COMPOSITION

COMPRISING A PHOSPHONIC ACID METAL
SALT AND A NITROGEN-CONTAINING
COMPOUND

U.S. APPLICATION NO: not yet assigned

35 USC 371 DATE:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in condition for examination on their merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.